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## Application Elements

1. ☒ Filing Fee

The filing fee is calculated as shown below.

|                                    |    |      |    |            |            |
|------------------------------------|----|------|----|------------|------------|
| Total Claims                       | 36 | -20= | 16 | x \$18.00= | \$288.00   |
| Independent Claims                 | 4  | -3 = | 1  | x \$80.00= | \$80.00    |
| Multiple Dependent Claims          |    |      |    | Fee:       |            |
| Basic Fee:                         |    |      |    |            | \$710.00   |
| Sub-Total:                         |    |      |    |            | \$1,078.00 |
| Reduction by 50% for Small Entity: |    |      |    |            | \$539.00   |
| Assignment Fee                     |    |      |    |            | \$40.00    |
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2. ☒ Specification  
26 page(s) of specification; 14 page(s) of claims, 1 page(s) of abstract
3. ☒ Drawings  
Formal Figure(s) 1-9 on 9 sheet(s)
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration  
☒ Newly executed  
☐ Copy from a prior application (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))  
Deletion of Inventor(s) (in continuation or divisional applications):  
☐ Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior non-provisional application:  
  
☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a signed sheet attached to this application.
5. ☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application referred to above is considered to be part of this application, and the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

- ☐ Computer Readable copy  
☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)  
☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

8. ☒ Assignment Papers

9. Power of Attorney

- ☒ Is attached.  
☐ The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.  
☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

10. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

- ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

11. Amendments

- ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.  
☐ Cancel in this application claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.  
☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: \_\_\_\_\_.

12. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

13. Small Entity Status

- ☒ A small entity statement is enclosed.  
☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior non-provisional application and such status is still proper and desired.  
☐ Is no longer claimed.

14. ☐ Priority of foreign application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d)

15. ☐ Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 136 for Extension of Time

16. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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